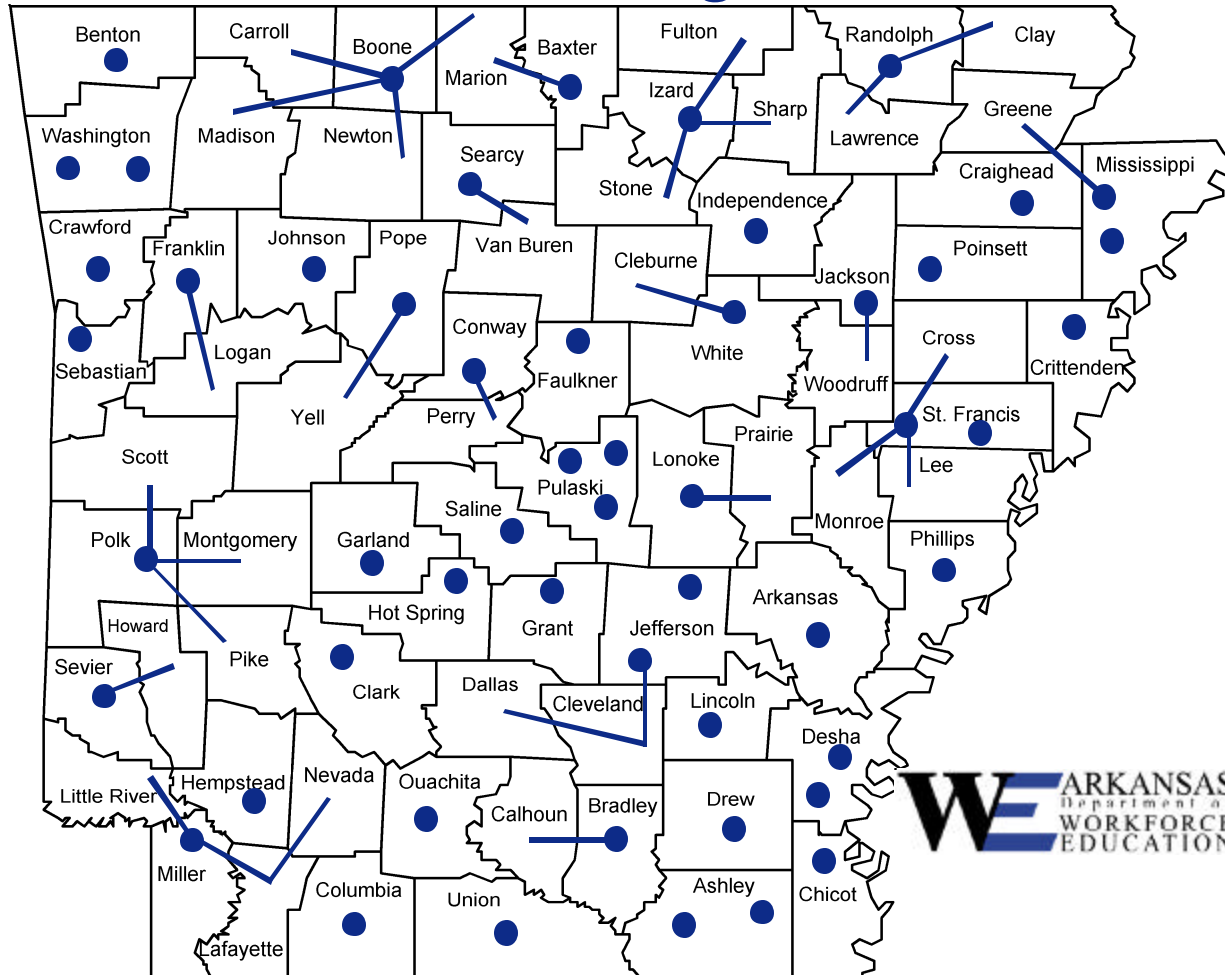


Adult Education Program Locations



Adult education programs are available in every county in Arkansas. Counties that do not have adult education centers are served through satellite programs from a center nearest to their county.

Arkansans wanting adult education services first meet with adult education staff to discuss their needs and goals. This information guides the staff in designing and implementing the best educational plan to achieve the goals.

Adult education is free, class schedules are flexible, and enrollment is open-entry, open-exit. Students have control of their learning schedule.

With changing technology, ongoing welfare reform efforts, and the rising numbers of people from all over the world coming to Arkansas to live, the role of adult education is more important than ever before.

Nearly 68,000 Arkansans received adult education services in fiscal year 2001. These include many “new” Arkansans who come to adult education to learn to speak English and take advantage of other English as a Second Language (ESL) services. Workplace education programs reached employees in 183 companies, and 9,141 Arkansans (or 82% of those who took the GED test), earned their GED credential, the Arkansas High School Diploma, in calendar year 2001.

To succeed in supporting themselves and their families, adults must have solid basic academic skills - in reading, writing, and math.

Children growing up in families with low academic skills are likely to have difficulty seeking work and/or raising a family as adults, leading to another generation of frustration. Adult education is available to help.

It's not a shame to need better reading, writing, and math skills, and it's never too late to earn a GED.

It's a shame when nothing is done about it.

For more information about adult education programs in Arkansas, call (501) 682-1970 or visit the website at www.work-ed.state.ar.us/adult.html

Over 500,000 adult Arkansans do not have a high school diploma. Over 220,000 have less than an eighth-grade education.*

Many Arkansans perceive an adult education center as a place for people to earn a GED.

But, it's much more. It's a place for adults who want to

- improve their basic academic skills to get and keep a job
- learn better reading, writing, and math skills to help their children with homework (reinforcing to them the need for these skills)
- learn English as a Second Language
- and earn their GED credential to receive their high school diploma

Adult education is also available to business and industry, where new equipment and technology may require employees to have a stronger mastery of reading, writing, and math skills.

Screening for vision problems and other possible learning disabilities is also available in many adult education centers - adults who have had lifelong trouble with learning may have a vision problem or other learning difficulty.

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* Source: 1990 Census

The mission of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education (DWE) is to provide leadership and contribute resources to serve the diverse and changing workforce training needs of the youth and adults of Arkansas.

Formerly the Vocational and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education, the DWE was created by Act 803, the Workforce Education Act of 1997.

For more information about adult education programs and services, contact your nearest local adult education center or call

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